Obstetrics & Gynecology

Health Volunteers Overseas is proud to welcome the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists as a sponsor of our Obstetrics & Gynecology (Ob-Gyn) program.

READY TO VOLUNTEER?

There are multiple steps to the placement process and often more than one approval is required. The process varies slightly from country-to-country and project-to-project. We strive to make this process as quick as possible but potential volunteers should be aware that final approval can take several months.

- To begin the placement process, complete the volunteer application and submit your CV.
ACTIVE PROJECTS

Kampot, Cambodia – Sonja Kill Memorial Hospital (SKMH)
HVO volunteers will provide formal lectures and informal continuing education in obstetrics and gynecology to staff, students and residents at SKMH. Midwives may also participate in training. Volunteers will provide clinical and didactic training, including formal and supplemental lectures, case discussions, computer-based learning and simulations.

Assignment: 2 week minimum
Teaching Topics: Obstetrics & gynecology – all topics; ultrasound, fetal monitoring, and obstetric emergencies of particular interest
Opportunities for Those-in-Training: No.
Qualifications: Volunteers must be qualified, licensed obstetricians/gynecologists.
Activities: Case presentations, clinical training, continuing education, didactic training, faculty/staff training, formal lecturing, mentoring
Housing: Volunteer responsible for housing; information on nearby facilities provided.
Companions: Suitable for companion/spouse; suitable for children

Deschapelles, Haiti – Hôpital Albert Schweitzer (HAS)
HVO volunteers will work with staff at Hôpital Albert Schweitzer (HAS) to increase surgical and clinical skills and knowledge of Ob-Gyn clinicians in vaginal surgery. Volunteers will also work with HAS staff to improve communication between
Ob-Gyn clinicians and pediatricians at the time of delivery and to advance implementation of cesareans.

**Assignment:** 2-4 weeks
**Teaching Topics:** Obstetrics & gynecology – all topics; vaginal surgery, fetal monitoring, ultrasound, laparoscopy, vesicovaginal fistula repair, and cesareans of particular interest

**Opportunities for Those-in-Training:** No.

**Qualifications:** Board certified/eligible generalist obstetricians/gynecologists with a current US license and a minimum of 4 years experience. Academic experience is helpful, but not required.

**Activities:** Clinical training, continuing education, didactic instruction, faculty/staff training, formal lecturing, mentoring

**Housing:** Volunteer responsible for housing; information on nearby facilities provided.

**Companions:** Not suitable for companion/spouse; not suitable for children

**Bhaktapur, Nepal – Bhaktapur Cancer Hospital (BCH)**
HVO volunteers will contribute to the development and implementation of a structured surgical gynecologic oncology training program at BCH. Volunteers will work with BCH staff to develop a gynecologic oncology curriculum for both didactic and clinical skills, and provide surgical and didactic training to BCH gynecologic oncologists.
Assignment: 1-2 weeks
Teaching Topics: Oncology – gynecologic oncology

Opportunities for Those-in-Training: No.

Qualifications: Board-certified gynecologic oncologists with at least two years of post-fellowship experience.

Activities: Clinical training, continuing education, curriculum development, didactic instruction, education material development, faculty/staff training, mentoring
Housing: Volunteer responsible for housing; information on nearby facilities provided.

Companions: Suitable for companion/spouse; suitable for children

Kampala, Uganda – Makerere University & Mulago Hospital
This project aims to improve the knowledge and skills of the Ob-Gyn faculty, clinicians and trainees at Makerere University and Mulago Hospital. HVO volunteers at this project site coordinate with the university to provide two evidence-based CME lectures and one simulation session per week to the clinicians. Volunteers may also participate in clinic rounds and collaborate with clinicians and faculty on obstetrics, acute gynecology, REI or urogynecology.

Assignment: 1 week minimum
Teaching Topics: Obstetrics & gynecology – all topics; obstetrics, acute gynecology, REI or urogynecology of
particular interest

**Opportunities for Those-in-Training:** Final year residents accepted if accompanied by a faculty member.

**Qualifications:** Board-certified obstetricians/gynecologists with current license. Academic and teaching experience is helpful.

**Activities:** Clinical training, continuing education, didactic instruction, faculty/staff training, mentoring

**Housing:** Housing provided for a reasonable fee.

**Companions:** Suitable for companion/spouse; suitable for children

**Hue, Vietnam – Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy (HUMP)**
This project aims to both improve the knowledge and skills of HUMP Ob-Gyn staff and specialists and to improve Ob-Gyn postgraduate training at HUMP. In addition to these two goals, this project also focuses on collaborating with Ob-Gyn staff to conduct scientific research and to provide mentorship in research design, methodology, data analysis and manuscripts preparation for submission to scientific journal in various areas. Volunteers provide lectures, clinical supervision and surgical teaching. Volunteers also act as mentors and can assist students with their studies and writing papers.

**Assignment:** 2-3 weeks

**Teaching Topics:** Obstetrics & gynecology – all topics

**Opportunities for Those-in-Training:** Final year residents accepted if accompanied by a faculty member.

**Qualifications:** Board-certified obstetricians/gynecologists
with current license and at least 10 years of experience preferred, although 5 years or more may be considered. Academic and teaching experience is recommended. Retired volunteers are accepted.

**Activities**: Clinical training, continuing education, didactic instruction, faculty/staff training, formal lecturing, mentoring, research advising, surgical training

**Housing**: Volunteer responsible for housing; information on nearby facilities provided.

**Companions**: Suitable for companion/spouse; suitable for children

For more projects in gynecologic oncology, please visit our [oncology program page](#) for projects that are currently recruiting.